

BLM Joins Area Law Enforcement Agencies to Patrol Santiam Canyon

On July 15, 1999 the Bureau of Land Management, Marion County Sheriff's Office, Linn County Sheriff's Office, Oregon State Police, and US Forest Service announced the formation of a cooperative law enforcement partnership in the Santiam Canyon.

The purpose of this coalition is to address public safety, quality of life and community partnerships concerns throughout the area. With steadily increasing numbers of visitors to this area, especially during the summer months, this coalition will work together to be proactive in addressing the above issues. Among the activities planned for this coalition are proactive patrols, saturation patrols, information sharing, working on safety issues-such as the bridge ordinance, working with interest groups such as the friends of Opal Creek, working with citizen groups such as Neighborhood Watch and pre-planning for various events.

With the cooperation of Marion County Public Works, the coalition has developed signs to be posted in areas designated as "Cooperative Law Enforcement Emphasis Areas." These signs will be posted in these areas to inform the public of this partnership. Some of the areas designated as Emphasis Areas are the Little North Fork, Brietenbush Road and Blowout Road. Other areas may be added in the future.

